GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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NEGLIGENCE OF DOCTORS IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that cases after cases are being reported of the negligence on the part of doctors in Government and Private hospitals, latest being that of a case in Vimhans Hospital(Delhi);

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken /proposed to be taken by the Medical Council of India on each of the cases of doctors` negligence?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c) The Government have come across instances of complaints of negligence against doctors working in the Government and private hospitals. Besides the inbuilt mechanism available for redressal of such grievances in the respective institutions, the complainant can also approach the concerned State Medical Council or the Medical Council of India (MCI) for action against the delinquent doctor as per the provisions of the regulations of MCI.

As per information received from MCI, on receipt of any complaint, the council obtains the comments and particulars of Qualification and Registration of concerned doctors. After the required information is received, the complaints are referred to respective State Medical Councils where respective doctors are registered for taking necessary action within a period of six months as per clause 8.4 of the Indian Medical Council (Professional, Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002. The Ethics Committee of the Council considers the Cases of doctors who are registered with MCI.